

Wilmington City Council met in special session on Thursday, January 2, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. with President Cindy Peterson presiding.

Call to Order

Roll Call: Jaehnig, present; Spicer, present; Stuckert, present; Mead, present; Miller, absent; Milburn, present; McKay, present.

Chief Weyand was also present.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Spicer to excuse the absent member (Miller).

Motion passed.

Absent member excused.

Pledge of Allegiance

Council gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Moment of silence observed

President of Council

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Jaehnig to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting, December 18, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

A motion was made by McKay and seconded by Jaehnig to approve the minutes of the last special meeting, December 29, as presented.

Motion passed.

Minutes approved as presented.

Mayor - Mayor Riley asked for an update of Karson, the missing K-9 from the Police Department.

Chief Weyand reported that the Police Department hired a consultant to help with the search because of the large amount of territory the dog covers per day. They have had trouble with people undermining the search process, and sometimes media tailing the search cars has created a problem. The department is using unmarked cars and trying to keep the process low-key. The key is to get him in sight so that the K-9 handler can call him out. If anyone from the public sees something, they should call the department.

Mayor Riley – Both our Safety Director and Service Director have had surgery in the past couple of weeks and I ask you to remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Auditor – In the absence of Auditor David Hollingsworth, there was no report.

Asset, Acquisition and Use. - Chairperson Mead introduced legislation accepting the petition of 200-plus acres on Rombach Avenue. The annexation has been through its waiting period.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stuckert to give the first reading only on a resolution Accepting the Petition for Annexation of Certain Territory into the City Pursuant to O.R.C. 709.022 and 709.04.

President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.

Clerk of Council read resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stuckert to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution by title only.

Roll call: Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes.

Clerk of Council read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stuckert to pass the resolution as read.
Roll call: Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes.
Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2392 passed as read.

Water Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Streets Committee - Chairperson McKay had no report.

Solid Waste/Recycling - Chairperson Jaehnig had no report.

Wastewater/Sewer Committee - Chairperson Milburn had no report.

Judiciary Committee - Chairperson Jaehnig introduced legislation authorizing application to the Local Government Innovation Fund to allow the Miami Valley Educational Computer Association to pursue funding for fiber optics. He emphasized that this does not commit the city financially in any way.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Milburn to suspend the rules and give the second and third reading on the resolution Authorizing Application for a Loan from the Local Government Innovation Fund (LGIF) and Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Miami Valley Educational Computer Association (MVECA) and Other Co-Applicants, and Declaring an Emergency.

Roll call: Stuckert, yes; Mead, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes.
Director of Law read the resolution by title only.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Stuckert to pass the resolution as read.
Roll call: Mead, yes; Milburn, yes; McKay, yes; Jaehnig, yes; Spicer, yes; Stuckert, yes.
Motion passed.

President of Council declared Res. No. 2393 passed as read.

Councilman Jaehnig introduced legislation authorizing an agreement with Miami Valley Lighting for street lighting. He pointed out that new features of the contract include third-quarter inspection of the lighting and additional outage reporting methods. There are new technologies coming in the future as well. They will be upgrading equipment when doing replacements. This is a five-year contract. He stated that a representative from Miami Valley Lighting was present for questions.

Councilman McKay asked if Miami Valley Lighting owned the fixtures.

Bob Stallman – There are certain lights that the city does own, but Miami Valley Lighting owns the assets of their facilities. Anything that needs repaired is part of the cost of the services provided. We believe our service as it relates to follow-up is as good as anyone can provide. If you report a light is out today, our agreement states that we will be there within 3 business days if it is a minor repair. If it is a major repair, we will come out and make it safe right away and make repairs within seven business days.

Councilman McKay asked if the city would contact Miami Valley Lighting if they want to purchase new lights.

Bob Stallman – If you would add a subdivision, we would work with the plans and city staff on the lighting of that. If you would like us to continue the service, it is part of the cost.

Councilman McKay – I'm referring to additional lights in the downtown area.

Bob Stallman – We would be happy to work with the staff on this. We also move poles if roads need to be widened.

A motion was made by Jaehnig and seconded by Mead to give the first reading only on the ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Miami Valley Lighting, LLC. For Street Lighting, and Declaring an Emergency.
President called for vote.

Motion passed. All yeas.
Director of Law read ordinance by title only.

Jaehnig requested that the second and third reading be on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Safety Committee - Chairperson Spicer had no report.

Finance Committee – In the absence of Chairperson Miller, there was no report.

Cemetery Committee – Chairperson Mead had no report.

Downtown Revitalization Committee – Convener McKay had no report.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Convener Stuckert had no report.

Service Director – In the absence of Service Director Reinsmith, there was no report.

Safety Director – In the absence of Safety Director Russ Burton, there was no report.

Reports

No reports were presented.

President Peterson opened the meeting up to the general public and/or members of council to address council while in session.

Nathan Kraatz, Wilmington News Journal, asked where the annexation addressed earlier in the meeting was located. Mayor Riley explained that LT Land Development owns land out on Rombach Avenue. They want it annexed so they can access utilities should development occur. The area is bordered by Davids Drive and Fife Avenue.

President Peterson asked if anyone else wished to address council while in session.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, President Peterson asked for a motion to adjourn.

A motion was made by McKay to adjourn.
President Peterson declared the meeting adjourned.
Council adjourned.

ATTEST:

President of Council

Clerk